

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2005. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1-17 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 were rejected. Claims 1, 7, and 12 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 16 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,202,500 issued to Hubert Keiczek ("Keiczek"). Applicants amended independent claims 1, 7, and 12 and, thus, respectfully traverse and submit the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention. The Examiner stated that the current independent claims do not exclude a fuel inlet bore located "within" a cutout. Therefore, Applicants amended the independent claims to include the limitation that the fuel inlet bore is separated from the cutout as shown in the embodiments of the present application. Thus, the independent claims as amended are not anticipated by Keiczek. The dependent claims include all the limitations of the respective independent claims and are, thus, allowable at least to the extent of the independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 3, 6, 11, 14, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicants believe the claims as amended are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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